REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

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Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer text file printout *The Practice And Idiosyncratic Nature Of A Pederast's Existence* is classified as:
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The publication is an essay written by a man who argues that relationships between adult men and adolescent boys involving love and sexual intimacy can be benign and beneficial.

There are no grounds for restricting or banning the essay under the FVPC Act as it does not fall under sections 3(1), 3A or 3B. Under s3(1) the Classification Office has the power to classify publications that depict, describe, express or otherwise deal with activity closely related to sex, horror, crime, cruelty and violence and not publications with only expressions of opinion or attitudes about these subjects. The essay consists almost exclusively of experiences and opinions of an author on a subject in which sex and crime is implicit, whilst providing almost no detail of, or direct reference to, sexual or criminal activity. The publication cannot fairly be said to "tend[s] towards activity rather than the expression of opinion or attitude" as the Court of Appeal's *Living Word* judgment requires. This interpretation of section 3(1) gives preference to a meaning of our censorship legislation that least restricts the author's right to freedom of expression under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.